

I. Major research and public service activities

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As the major focus of their mission, community colleges are committed to teaching and learning. In keeping with this mission, Ocean County College faculty members dedicate their professional time to improving the classroom and laboratory learning experience. College faculty members worked individually and in teams on numerous curricular and instructional development projects. Many inactive or outdated courses were deleted from the curriculum, while numerous revisions were made to existing courses, particularly where the acquisition of computer and laboratory equipment facilitated incorporation of technological applications in the classroom. Along with the development of online courses, over two-dozen new courses were added to the curriculum in response to the developments in the disciplines, community needs, and the addition of new degree programs or options.

Although the faculty do not focus on major research programs, faculty accomplishments include numerous publications and presentations and participation in community organizations.

Dean of **Science, Engineering, Health Sciences and Human Performance**, Dr. Jim Brown serves as Chairperson of the Executive Board of the New Jersey Public Health Association, as well as a member of the Governing Council of the American Public Health Association and as a member of the Board of United Methodist Homes of New Jersey. Dr. Brown received the Dennis J. Sullivan Award in December of 2007, which is the highest award in public health in the State of New Jersey and has been designated as one of the Faces of Public Health by the New Jersey Public Health Association. Dr. Brown presented "Transforming the Learning Experience: Using Technology to Touch Students" at Innovations 2008 in Denver Colorado on March 5, 2008.

Science Coordinator and Professor Marc LaBella, Professor Christine Spencer and Drs. Marcia Bradley and Jim Brown published an abstract at 19th Annual Conference of E-Learning in Higher Education in Atlanta Georgia and Professor LaBella gave a pre-conference workshop entitled "You Can't Teach a Lab that Way! Or Can You? Adventures in Online Science Courses." Professors Christine Spencer and Marc LaBella and Drs. Marcia Bradley and Jim Brown published another abstract entitled "Brave New World: Teaching Anatomy and Physiology Totally Online" at the 13th Annual Sloan-C International Conference on Online Learning in Orlando Florida on November 9, 2007. Dr. Marcia Bradley and Professors Christine Spencer and Marc LaBella published an abstract at the 22nd Annual Human Anatomy and Physiology Society Conference in New Orleans May 24, 2008 which compared the assessment results of online to face-to-face teaching of Anatomy and Physiology.

Professor Maria Tamburro developed CHEM 180 Introductory Chemistry Online, CHEM 181 General Chemistry I online and CHEM 182 General Chemistry II online. Professor Marc LaBella who pioneered our first online science course has added BIOL 161 to his list of online courses and was the first professor in the US to receive Quality Matters designation for the completely online BIOL 130 Human Anatomy and Physiology I. Dr. Jim Brown and Professor Marc LaBella

have both earned the designation of Quality Matters evaluators and are actively involved in peer evaluation of other online courses at other colleges and universities.

Professor Duane Grembowicz serves as Commissioner on the Ocean County Cultural and Heritage Commission and on the Catus Island Advisory Council. He received the “Golden Apple” 2007 OCC Outstanding Faculty Award for his outstanding teaching in field biology and ecology.

Dr. Jim Brown and Professors Marc LaBella, Paul Butler, and Neil Schiller helped initiate the COMETS initiative at OCC. COMETS (Career-Oriented Mathematics, Engineering, Technology and Science) is a partnership between Ocean County's school districts, business, industry, the NAVAIR program at the Naval Air Engineering Station (NAES) Lakehurst and Ocean County College to promote the study of math and science. Professor Neil Schiller mentored a student scholar, Martha Molinini, who presented the winning scientific paper for the Beacon 2008 Student Scholars Competition. Professor Schiller has also worked with Lakehurst NAVAIR Engineering Design Clinic/Capstone Project entitled "Improved Water Brake Alignment Procedure" which has now been assigned to Ocean County College students. Professor Paul Butler is a member of the Executive Board of the American Society for Engineering Education. Professor Neil Schiller is part of a research grant concerning hydrogen fuel cells as an alternative energy source.

Chief Nursing Officer and Director of Nursing Education Professor Sandra Kearns serves on the Governor's Nursing Merit Award Committee, the New Jersey State Nurses Association (NJSNA) Executive Board of Directors, the New Jersey Nursing Students, Inc., the New Jersey Council for Associate Degree Nursing Programs (NJCADNP), and the National League Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC) Program as an Evaluation Visitor. Dr. Jim Brown and Professor Kearns help develop the One Day per Week RN Program at Southern Ocean County Hospital which began in September of 2007. This program extended OCC's One Day per Week (ODPW) Nursing Program to 3 additional counties through partnerships with Burlington County College and Atlantic Cape Community College. Numerous community colleges across the USA have requested OCC nursing program's assistance in helping to develop their own ODPW program. OCC nursing program hosted Norquist College in Alberta Canada in June 2008 to help them develop their own ODPW program which helps to fulfill the goals of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant that helped develop the program.

Health and Human Performance Coordinator, Professor Kathy Malachowski was promoted to Associate Professor in 2008. She chairs the Full-time Faculty Constituency Council. Through her efforts the Council is revitalized and the membership increased from 3 to 15. She serves as the current President of the Association of NJ Community College Faculty (ANJCCF).

The **Department of Mathematics** hired three new full-time faculty members this year: Mike Pezzimenti, Krista Camilo, and Dr. Mary Morley. The department made a \$1000 contribution to the OCC Planetarium's Wall of Stars. We celebrated Math Awareness Month in April with a series of seven lectures given by Professors Ted Gordon, Kaaren Finberg, William Rickert, Mary Morley, Mike Pezzimenti, and Deborah Maher. One of the lectures was presented by two AT&T statisticians: Dr. Colin Goodall and Dr. Sylvia Halasz. Professor Maryann Birdsall continued her affiliation with the Professional Engineering Society of New Jersey and helped coordinate their Math Counts Competition on our campus. She is advisor to the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

Club, served on the Educational Opportunity Fund Advisory Board, participated in the Black History Month Read-A-Thon, and worked with the Suited for Success Program in Lakewood. Along with Mike Pezzimenti, Maryann served on the COMETS Math and Science Initiative Task Force. Mike and Krista Camilo made a presentation on Student Mentoring in the Developmental Classroom at the Faculty of the Future Conference held at Bucks CC. Mike presented a lecture for Women's History Month also. Dr. Mary Morley wrote a column for the Women in mathematics newsletter on mathematical test questions. Professor Vicki McMillian was the chair of the OCC Nomination Committee for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. Professor Kaaren Finberg was a panel member for "On the Road to Tenure" for the NJ-Next organization. Professor Henderson continued to serve on the Advisory Board to the Superintendent of Marlton (NJ) Schools. Dr. William Rickert, advisor to Phi Theta Kappa, attended the PTK International and Regional Convention held in Philadelphia, PA. Also, he served as chair of the Student Life Committee. Professor Yuan Xu served as advisor to the Math Club which achieved 3rd place in the American Mathematical Association Two-Year College mathematics competition in the state of New Jersey.

Dean of **Business, Economics, and Computer Studies** Francis Polk is a member of the Board of Directors of the Toms River/Ocean County Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Education Committee. His colleague, Professor Edward Kissling, is a member of the N.J. Bar Association Committee on Paralegals. Ed also chaired the College Senate for the second year. Three faculty persons, Barry Kolb, Virginia Reilly, and Ed Kissling made professional presentations at state-wide conferences. In the same department, Dr. Virginia Reilly is the state-wide faculty representative to the New Jersey Virtual Community College Consortium. She is a member of the National Council on Economics Education.

M. Karl Kleiner was visiting professor of international business at Xian University in China.

The department hosted the spring conference of New Jersey Community College computer faculty. The department also hosted two awards luncheons of the New Jersey Economic Education Council.

Two of our online courses were reviewed and approved by the national Quality Matters program. The courses were economics (Virginia Reilly) and computer literacy (Mary Burke).

Professor Kathy Dillon continued her outstanding advising of the Phi Beta Lambda business fraternity. In fact, she was named New Jersey Advisor of the Year and our chapter was regional chapter of the year. Kathy and five other faculty attended the state-wide conference/competition. She and two other faculty attended the PBL national conference in Atlanta. PBL members and other business and economics students collected more than \$4,000 for three local charities.

Four A.A.S. business options (accounting, banking, management, and marketing) were consolidated into one degree, A.A.S. in Business. This change allows students to have a concentration with more electives.

The student enrollment in Computer Studies increased for the second consecutive year. Enrollments in computer technology/computer science are still decreasing nationally.

The **Department of Social Science, Education and Public Service** completed Program Reviews in Fire Science, Human Service Technician, Human Services Technician-Gerontology Option, and Teaching Assistant/Child Care. As a result of these reviews, the Department is in the process of developing new Associate in Science in Public Service degree program.

In October the Department presented a campus wide lecture by noted psychologist and textbook author, David Myers on Student Learning Success in the Technology Lecture hall that was followed by faculty seminar. Along these lines, Professor Al Longo coordinated the visit of Chinese Educators through the auspices of the Kean at Ocean Program. He also presented a Roundtable Classroom Assessment at Spring 2008 Colloquium. The Department and the Instruction Committee of the College Senate sponsored a program on Collaborative Learning that Works Feb 19 in Conf A& B 11-12:30PM. Social Science Professor Kathy McCormick presented: Using Discussion Boards and Chat in Student Research and Data Analysis

The Public Service Institute was very active. They sponsored a discussion on The Constitution and the War Powers by Professor Bradford Young in September. Under the coordination Professor Benny Castillo, the Institute sponsored a presentation on Public School Safety for principals and other administrators on February 8 in Technology Lecture Hall. In June the Public Service Institute and Professor Dean LaBollita, sponsored a professional development program on Ethics for licensed Drug and Alcohol Counselors in June in Technology Lecture Hall

The Department organized and administered the Women's History Month Celebration during March, 2008. Professors Maria Flynn, Christine Kitchin, Bradford Young and Dean Richard Strada made presentations as part of Women's History Month Celebration. Those by Professors Flynn and young were televised as part of OCC Channel 22 programming. The Social Science Department, the English and Literature Department and Students Learning About Politics sponsored 18 in 08 to develop student interest and involvement in the political process on April 21. Professors Jayanti Tamm and Bradford Young were the organizers and presentation coordinators. The Department provided the refreshments.

Dean LoBollita was the recipient of an approved faculty scholarship project entitled: Comparative Analysis of Assessment Tests for New Jersey Licensing for ALDC Certificates. Several students and Dean Strada participated in the Governor Jon Corzine's Town Hall Meeting on February 2 that discussed the proposed Public Benefit Corporation and its utilization to manage and reduce the state's high level of debt at the Ritacco Center. The year ended on June 12 the Department sponsored a presentation by John Fraterrigo on The History of the American Flag in Conference Rooms A&B.

In the fall of 2006, the **Department of English and Literature** revived two former courses (British Literature I and British Literature II) and generated three new courses (Jewish and Holocaust Literature, Introduction to Drama, and a course linking Introduction to Literature with Music Appreciation). In October, the department initiated the Writers' Reading Series by inviting to campus the award-winning playwright, Lee Blessing, and the prominent novelist and memoirist, Da Chen. These readings were such a success with students that we've decided to make this series an annual autumnal event. Also in fall, the English Department was honored to have OCC's first Fulbright Scholar, Inez Abou-Youssef, who taught Arabic Literature in Translation for our department. We were also honored to have our first foreign-exchange professor from China, Wei Zhang, who taught developmental English courses for us. These two women enriched the international tenor of our department. In October, six members of our

department attended the Two-Year College English Association Conference in Providence, Rhode Island, and also in October, Katja Hawlitschka delivered a paper on women's issues the film *Crash* at the Mid-Atlantic Popular and American Culture Conference in Baltimore. In November, Judith Angona, our English Coordinator, presented a paper on the uses of oral history in composition courses at the College Composition and Communication Conference (the 4C's) in Chicago.

Over the course of the 2006/2007 academic year, Dr. Maysa Hayward published a long article on the Arab novel in a volume of essays put out by SUNY Press, wrote another essay on Style in Translation for a forthcoming *Approaches . . .* text by the Modern Language Association, and contributed a chapter on Arabic Literature to a book published by the University of Edinburgh Press. Also, throughout the year, the English Department book club, headed by Dr. David Bordelon and Dr. Katja Hawlitschka met monthly to discuss books that focused on India. Meanwhile, Professor Jayanti Tamm had her book-length memoir accepted for publication by Random House.

In the spring of 2007, six members of the English Department gave presentations at Read-In Day in February for Black History Month—an event organized by Dr. Joaquin Rolon, Jr. Also, as a new advisor, Dr. Rolon participated in the national Phi Theta Kappa Convention in Nashville, Tennessee. In March, Dr. Katja Hawlitschka, Dr. Rolon, Dr. Hayward, and professors Angona, Botein, and Tamm all gave presentations during the annual Women's History Month, and later in the spring, several members of the department participated in the Holocaust Memorial Program. Students in the Honors English course in the spring, taught by Professor Angona, worked as tutors with local high school English classes in a program called "The Write Connection"—now in its second year. In April, the department sponsored our seventh annual Poetry Festival featuring poet David Mura of Minneapolis. Organized by Dr. Sandra Brown, this was a particularly successful and rewarding festival. Also in April and May, Dr. Hawlitschka and Dr. Bordelon finished their editing of *PEN* (our journal of OCC student writing) and sent it off to be printed, Dr. Mary Ellen Carr was awarded a sabbatical to participate in a year-long Mid-Career Fellowship at Princeton University, and the Departmental Search committee completed its work that resulted in hiring three new full-time faculty members in our department: Denise Kron, Dana Lauro, and Heidi Wilkinson.

Humanities, Fine Arts, and Media Studies welcomes a new full-time faculty member is visual art – Nat Bard – beginning in September 2008. A national search conducted in spring, 2008 enabled the department to hire an individual who is both an exceptional teacher and an exceptional artist.

The A.A.S. degree program in Interpreter Training continues to enroll, train, and graduate accomplished sign language interpreters. Nineteen students graduated from the program in January, 2008 bringing the number graduates since 2005 to 111. Twenty graduates have now passed the written part of the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) and nine have passed the written part of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) national exam. Once they pass the performance part of the test, they will have achieved National Certification. In addition, Professor Kathleen Basilotto has been approved as a Local Test Administrator (LTA) for the EIPA Performance test, as well as a Proctor for the EIPA written test.

Professor Elizabeth Brierley received the Outstanding Full-Time Faculty Award at the spring, 2008 Commencement.

Professor Lisa Cecere was Guest Artist in Residence at the Peters Valley Craft center in Layton, New Jersey during the month of January, 2008. Her ceramic work was exhibited at the Arrive Gallery in Long Branch, New Jersey. She accompanied three Clay Club students to the National Conference for Education in the Ceramic Arts in Pittsburgh in March, 2008.

Professor Karin Gargone, from September, 2007 through June, 2008 was featured concert pianist or concert organist at concerts in Sea Girt, Asbury Park, Red Bank, Lavalette, Ocean Township, Middletown, and Holmdel, New Jersey. She represents OCC as an Advanced Placement Music Theory Exam Reader at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln on June 1 – 8, 2008.

Professor Patricia Kennedy participated in the one week (June 24 – 30, 2007) Civil War Institute seminar “Soldiers, Civilians, and Fredericksburg” held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. She participated in the OCC “World of the Maya” trip to Yucatan, Mexico in January, 2008.

Professor Marilyn Kralik participated in the “Technology Showcase” at Montgomery County Community College in Pennsylvania in October, 2007. She presented a paper titled “Speaking in All Our Voices: Using Articulate Presenter for Distance Learning.” She was appointed Coordinator of the OCC Honors Program

Professor Ljiljana Milojevic continued her active participation in the Delaware Valley Medieval Association, participating in conferences at Princeton (December), in Philadelphia (February), and the University of Delaware (April). She also participated in the 43rd International Medieval Congress, held in Kalamazoo, Michigan in May, 2008. At this conference she organized and chaired a special session on “The Representation of the Self in Different Medieval Discourses.”

Professor Gary Shaffer organized “Event Planning 101” featuring four professional event planners from both profit and non-profit organizations. He served as a judge for the Public Relations Student Society Bateman Case Study Competition in New York City. He directed the play “Social Security” at the Strand Theater in Lakewood. He produced the cabaret show “Carol Channing” at the Triad Theater in New York City. He managed press and communications for the production of “Tony ‘n’ Tina’s Wedding” that played in Orlando, Florida, Las Vegas, Nevada, Dallas, Texas, and San Francisco, California.

Professor Katherine Tietge organized and supervised the annual OCC United States Institute for Peace (USIP) trip to Washington, DC (March, 2008). She organized and ran the Speaker Series for Religious Experience. She organized the New Jersey Global Educators Conference, held at OCC, where she presented a paper on “Curriculum Development with Global Strategies.” She co-presented (with Professor Barry Kolb of Computer Science) a paper on “Globalization of IT and Education” at the Community College Consortium meeting at OCC. She presented a paper on “Learning Management Systems: Lessons Learned” at the Innovations Conference in Denver, Colorado (March, 2008).

Professor Arthur Waldman led the 29th Annual Theater in London program in January, 2008. Her directed “the Real Inspector Hound and Bang Bang You’re Dead” in fall, 2007 and “Molly Sweeney” in spring, 2008 for the OCC Theater Company. He attended Humana Festival of New American Plays and the Edinburgh (Scotland) International Festival.

Ocean County College has initiated a variety of programs to address community needs for high quality, flexible, and responsive educational programs and services. The goal is to promote Ocean County College as the first choice for the education, training, and enrichment of all county residents.

Educational partnerships and programs are under continuous development to establish seamless pathways from secondary education through the baccalaureate degree. Emphasis is placed on strong relationships with all county high schools and the Ocean County Vocational Technical Schools and with four-year colleges and universities. Most noteworthy is the Kean University at Ocean County College partnership, which enables area residents to complete upper division courses required for certain Kean University undergraduate degree programs and specific graduate programs on the campus of OCC. Qualified students are able to complete the entire degree program at OCC. Current programs target high-need, high-demand programs and degrees, such as nursing, elementary and secondary education, special education, criminal justice, history, sociology, English, health and physical education, business management/accounting, and media and film.

Outreach activities to schools and teachers emanate from the Office of School Relations, which provides teacher professional development through workshops and advanced placement institutes. Professionals seeking career change avail themselves of the Alternate Route Teacher Certification Program, done in partnership with New Jersey City University. The Department of Continuing and Professional Education provides a wide variety of employment-related certifications in Allied Health, computer applications, and management fields. Summer activities include camps and enrichment experiences for children. Finally, the Fine Arts Center and the Academy for Lifelong Learning provide cultural or specialized programming for area residents.

The college also provides credit courses to students throughout the county through Off-Campus Programming and its extension site in southern Ocean County. In 2007-2008 a total of 3,168 students were served at 18 active off-site locations throughout the county, continuing to provide our residents greater access to higher education.. Similarly, a duplicated count indicates that over 4,300 residents of southern Ocean County took classes at the Southern Education Center.

OCC has initiated engagement in numerous outreach activities to meet the needs of schools, businesses, and various community constituents. Building of the Ocean County Vocational Technical School Academy of Marine and Environmental Science (MATES), a \$12 million facility on the OCC campus in Manahawkin, has been completed and its doors opened in to welcome students right on schedule in September. OCC continues to work with OCVTS/MATES to expand offerings to both MATES and OCC students living in the southern part of the county. MATES students will enter a program that is seamlessly articulated from ninth grade to an OCC associate degree and then to a baccalaureate degree at Richard Stockton College. OCC also continues to offer numerous opportunities for county residents to complete baccalaureate and graduate degrees through partnerships with Kean University, New Jersey City University, and Fairleigh Dickinson University, all of whom offer programs right on the OCC

campus. School Relations continued three new institutes, all of which ran with excellent enrollments: Advanced Placement for Teachers, Reading for Elementary Children, and an SAT Review for High School Students. In the non-credit areas, the Department of Continuing and Professional Education administered the Teach Out of the Brick Computer Science Institute and began new initiatives with Community and Kimball Medical Centers and the Ocean County School Nurses Association to meet community needs. The Academy for Lifelong Learning with nearly 1500 members taking credit and non-credit courses offers dynamic programs for the 55 and over population in our area. Geared to enhance members' intellectual, physical and personal well being, the new partnerships with Algonquin Arts and Stafford Township Arts Center will be great cultural additions. Courses are also provided for Lucent Technologies and AT&T CWA workers in NJ, PA, and NYC, through the Alliance for Employee Growth and Development.